



Peaking Power Plants Update

Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) and GenConn Energy, the two companies that own Connecticut's peaking power plants, have filed their annual rate case with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). Final Decisions in these proceedings are scheduled for late December, 2012, with new rates going into effect in 2013. The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) is actively involved in both dockets.

The peaking plants are the product of Public Act 07-242, which was designed to reduce the cost of peaking power plants in the Connecticut and South West Connecticut energy markets conducted by New England's Independent System Operator (ISO-NE). To date, the plants have been successful in their mission to reduce the ISO-NE costs. However, ISO-NE is proposing several rule changes which would effectively increase the peaking cost in the Connecticut and South West Connecticut energy markets. The OCC will monitor the situation and take any action it can to keep costs appropriately balanced.